

*Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland Inc.
Overview—with a focus on benefactions and donations to
The University of Queensland (1967-2017)*

This document has been produced on a 'best endeavours' basis, drawing on records published between 1967-2018 (data correct as at May 2018 AGM Report).



Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland Inc. (Alumni Friends) helps shape the future. Alumni Friends' Members share in the belief that successful, stable and diverse communities need world-class tertiary education, where world-class Universities depend on the support, encouragement and engagement of alumni and of the wider community. Alumni Friends is an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit association, founded in 1967 to promote and further the interests of The University of Queensland (UQ), and to foster mutually beneficial relations among alumni and those in the wider community with an interest in UQ.ⁱ

Our vision: An equitable, stable, diverse and educated Australia, benefiting from world-class tertiary education.

Our mission: To connect engaged alumni and friends to support the endeavours of the 'future alumni,' educators and researchers of UQ.

Core values: Integrity and wisdom; ethical, diligent and accountable; supportive and philanthropic; encourage respect and diversity. *Alumni Friends'* Members are often described as honest, dedicated volunteers who are social, philanthropic, fun, ethical, cost-effective, consistent, responsible, focused, tenacious and determined.

Key Achievements: *Alumni Friends* is a UQ 'institution,' best known for its book fair, prizes, and donations to the University. Highlights include:

- **Special Interest Groups:** Special Interest Groups organise programs of activity to encourage Alumni/members of the community to (re)connect with UQ. Group members organise a wide range of activities and events, including fund-raising programs, lecture series, and special event days. The most active of Alumni Friends' Special Interest Groups are *Friends of Antiquity*, the *UQ Alumni Book Fair*[®] team (responsible for numerous book sales, including the iconic *UQ Alumni Book Fair*[®] and *Rare Book Auction*), the *Three Score Club* and *Dentistry Special Interest Group*¹
- **Prizes, Scholarships & Awards:** *Alumni Friends* is responsible for instituting and maintaining a number of major prizes/awards at UQ, including Graduate(s) of the Year, Alumnus of the Year, 3MT People's Choice, and the Great Court Race Prizes. *Alumni Friends'* Scholarships/prizes include the Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship(s), David Dunlop Memorial Dental Bursary, Elizabeth Usher Memorial Travelling Scholarship, Joan Wickham Engineering Scholarship, Margaret Waugh Memorial Bursary, Richard Spencer Hopkins Memorial Prize, UQ Sports Scholarships, and the Veterinary Alumni Prize.
- **Engaged volunteers:** Members fund the work of *Alumni Friends*, and make individual donations to *Alumni Friends*. All graduates of the University are alumni, but only a small percentage volunteer their time and/or **pay to join** *Alumni Friends*. The work of *UQ Alumni Book Fair*[®] volunteers raises c. \$50k pa. Almost all of *Alumni Friends'* work is by **volunteers**, representing donations **significantly in excess of 10,000 hours per annum** to the university.ⁱⁱ
- **Donations & Funds Raised:** Since 1967, *Alumni Friends* has **donated almost \$8.2 million dollars directly to UQ** (inflation-adjusted).ⁱⁱⁱ Significant donations (a number of which have been in excess of \$100,000) have included funding for: the Mayne Centre organ (and furnishings), student accommodation at 'Alumni House Goondiwindi,' Customs House, Gardens (the Alumni Teaching Garden, Alumni Court landscaping, and Una Prentice Memorial Garden), the Small Animal Hospital (Margaret de Visme Howard Bequest), major purchases of medical equipment (including for the Centre for Microscopy & Microanalysis, and for Anatomical Sciences), and funding for the Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory. Over \$1m funds are under management (to maintain ongoing commitments, and meet the terms of bequests).^{iv}

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¹ The *Veterinary Alumni* and *Physiotherapy Alumni* Special Interest Groups closed in 2018, and the *Medical Alumni* Special Interest Group will also officially close in late 2018.

Donations: Key Data

- **Donations in excess of \$8.5m** (inflation-adjusted, excluding items where no value was recorded, funds donated by *Alumni Friends* to The University of Queensland equivalent of \$8,567,863 (1967-2017). **\$4.458m actual values donated** (\$4,458,902, in addition to items listed in records without value).
- **Over \$1m funds under management** (\$1,086,731.14 as at December 2017).
- **Scholarships, Prizes, Bursaries and Awards: Total \$1.055m (actual)—an impressive inflation-adjusted \$1.62m:**
 - **Scholarships, prizes, bursaries & awards represent 24% of all Alumni Friends’ donations to UQ** (including *over half a million dollars* at today’s value in Sporting Scholarships).
 - **Created and maintains major awards**, including UQ Alumnus of the Year, UQ Graduate of the Year, and a number of scholarships and bursaries, including the Betty Fletcher Memorial Travelling Scholarship (through *Friends of Antiquity*).
 - **Founding donor and continued supporter** of major prizes, including 3MT® People’s Choice Prize, Great Court Race Trophy (& Prizes). For example, providing UQ sports trophies dating back to 1988, with the most important being founding support of UQ’s iconic Great Court Race trophy.
 - **Actual total for “direct student support”** (i.e. awards, prizes, scholarships & *student services*) exceeds \$1,1m
- **Benefactions represent just over 75% of all donations by Alumni Friends** (i.e. funds donated in response to need/request for funding—or as the result of a donor approach). *Note this will be understated as the value of many donations to the Art Museum and Library are not recorded.*
 - **Faculty of Science is the largest single recipient of benefactions** (almost \$1.6m at current value)
 - **UQ Art Museum represents just over 11%** of all benefactions (almost \$900,000, at current value, where valued at the time of donation).
 - **UQ Library/Fryer Library only 6%** (actual value) of all benefactions where values are recorded (many donations are not valued—see over).
 - **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has received 11% of all benefactions.** Just over half of donations to HASS Faculty have been directed to R D Milns Antiquities Museum (and HPRC School).
 - **Antiquities and the Classics:** Over \$400,000 donated to the study of antiquities and of the classics at The University of Queensland—if adding in the value of the Betty Fletcher Scholarship, the equivalent of over \$600,000—demonstrating the impact of *Friends of Antiquity*.
- **Major donations for key ‘non-Faculty’ areas of UQ total \$538k (actual), the equivalent of over \$1.2m, including:**
 - **Customs House support** (art gallery & restoration fund) of \$307,152 (inflation-adjusted, over \$527k).
 - **Mayne Hall**, including Mayne Organ, equivalent to \$289k
 - **Una Prentice Memorial Garden** (75th anniversary gift of \$80k, inflation-adjusted over \$178k)
 - 1970s investment in **Alumni Court** (inflation-adjusted representing donations of over \$125k).
 - **Guide to the Great Court:** Funding the production of the original 1990 guide and reprinting (total inflation-adjusted investment of almost \$40k).
 - **Student support/student groups (non Faculty-specific):** Total \$50k (\$90k inflation-adjusted). Purchases included a mobility equipment, a Braille 'notebook', recording devices for a student reading service, an OCR scanning system, and voice-activated equipment.
- **UQ Sport:** Over \$390k—the majority of which is in scholarships for UQ students (the equivalent of *over half a million dollars* at today’s value).
- **Museums & Library**

- **R D Milns Antiquities Museum:** Founding partner of the Museum, with the School and *Friends of Antiquity*
 - **Museum donations, as a result of the work and support of *Friends of Antiquity*, more than \$200k** (and over \$122k to student recipients of the Betty Fletcher Scholarship). Inflation-adjusted, over \$600k to the study of Antiquities at UQ.
 - **Significant donations of items** for the UQ R D Milns Antiquities Museum and/or funding to support the Museum—including an Egyptian Cartouche, Roman Altar, Apulian-Corinthian helmet, and the fourth century Athenian Grave Stele. In 2017, Dr Stephen G. Papas made a special Golden Jubilee gift from for the purchase of two Athenian black-figure *lekythoi* (oil flasks) dating to the early 5th century BC.
 - **Betty Fletcher Travelling Scholarship:** The significant and sustained funding of this scholarship, largely supported by members of *Friends of Antiquity*, equivalent to over \$200k paid to UQ students.
- **Library:** The actual total included in these figures is \$267k. The figure is accepted as woefully under-estimated, as over 2,500 books plus papers and artwork were not valued at time of donation). Inflation-adjusted, the figure rises to almost **\$450k (1967-2017)**, including the Golden Jubilee donation of \$50k toward the new teaching space. Fryer Library advises that the insurance value for many items (in particular, for collections of papers, far exceeds the standard inflation calculation).
 - **Donations for the acquisition of papers of many significant authors:** Including David Malouf, Thea Astley, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Gwen Harwood, and Janette Turner Hospital. The Fryer Library team have made wise investments over the years: **funds donated for these 5 authors were in excess of \$80k (actual), but the total collections of papers for the same authors had a 2017 insurance valuation in excess of \$446k** (NB the insurance valuation may include additional papers not purchased with the original donation).
 - **Data gaps:** Over \$70k in the form of non-specific donations ('cash'), and thousands of items were not named and/or valued.
 - A recent donation, ***Album du musée du Boula***, is included in the figures (2016 donation, approx. valuation of \$18,000, obtained from the Manager, Fryer Library, yet to be confirmed).
- **UQ Art Museum**
 - **Total donations in excess of \$333k** (or just under \$900k inflation-adjusted). Figures do not include a large number of items not valued at time of donation.
 - **Darnell Gallery renovation** \$45k (1975) — inflation-adjusted representing over \$300k.
 - Significant donor for the creation of the 2014-15 ***Alumni Friends Study Room*** (over \$50,000, inflation-adjusted)
 - **Alan Thiess gift** to the Alumni Trust for gallery fund \$100k (1990).
 - **J T Duhig collection:** The major donation, marked with a media event and press release, of 57 works of art (1976). No value specified for the collection, but list on file includes Norman Lindsay *The Butterfly*.
 - **Stuartholme-Behan Collection Exhibition**/curatorial costs \$31k (1991-92 & later).
 - **Significant art works** include Nolan slate paintings, (donations 1977 onwards), Molvig ainting & associated ephemera (\$30k in 2012-13), Daphne Mayo sculpture (*Jolly Sailor*), and the Calderon restoration.
- **Marks-Hirschfield Museum:** Ongoing support over the years totaling almost \$200k (inflation-adjusted, over \$291k). First donation 1989 (\$30k).
- **Anthropology Museum** donations totaling \$15k (inflation-adjusted over \$30k), including *Wagilag Sisters* (1981).
- **Major Benefactions by Faculty (mainly listing benefactions over \$40k at time of donation, and excluding specific prizes and awards)**
 - **Science:** Total \$724k (actual), \$1.6m (inflation-adjusted).

- **Small Animal Hospital** - Margaret de Visme Howard Bequest \$300k (1990-91).
- **Alumni House Goondiwindi** (student accommodation - 'pastoral veterinary centre' - \$89k in 1982).
- Dept of Plant Production, Gatton College, **seed drying facility** (\$50k, 1991-92).
- **Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory** for Botany Department \$220k (1988-91).
- **Alumni Teaching Garden** (including Moss House for Alumni Teaching Garden [Lady Axon] and plaques) totaling \$43,202 (starting 1978).
- **Medicine & Biomedical Sciences:** Total \$581,696 (actual), \$989k (inflation-adjusted).
 - **Centre for Microscopy & Microanalysis** donations in excess of \$86 to fund equipment.
 - **Anatomical Sciences** – Computer Assisted Learning Project \$89,200 (actual, 1992-93).
 - **Dept of Surgery** Microscope for surgery in ophthalmology research (over \$56k, 1995-96).
 - Vision Touch & Hearing Research Centre & Centre for Molecular Biology & Technology work station for **confocal laser scanning microscope** \$93k (1991-92).
 - Art Union Funds presented to Prof. Ian Frazer Centre for Immunology & Cancer Research (\$1,126 in 1998).
 - Purchase of **Book of Remembrance** – Anatomical Sciences (\$3,067 in 2001-02).
- **Humanities & Social Sciences:** Total almost half a million dollars (actual), \$950k (inflation-adjusted). *Note, figures exclude the Art Museum.*
 - **Australian Studies Centre Microfilming Project** (Australian Provincial Newspapers as an historical resource for UQ) \$46,900 (1981-84). Inflation-adjusted investment of over \$158k.
 - Total funds donated to **School of Music** over \$123k (actual), \$287k (inflation-adjusted). Adding in investment in Mayne Hall Organ and Music Society increases support of School to \$163k (actual) or over **\$500k** (inflation-adjusted).
 - Support of **QPAC Concert** for School of Music in excess of \$87k (2004-2017).
 - School of Music investments include **Steinway Baby Grand Piano** (1968-70), investments in Abel Smith Lecture Theatre (1969), **Mayne Centre Organ** (1973), the establishment of Convivium Musicum, and CJ Nash Bequest/donations totaling \$22k (since 1990).
 - **Friends of Antiquity** a major source of enthusiastic support, of benefactions, of student mentoring, and of alumni/community connection with UQ. Inflation-adjusted, donations to the study of antiquities and of the classics at The University of Queensland the equivalent of over \$600,000 today (including funds awarded to students from the Betty Fletcher Scholarship).
 - **Funding for public lectures**/visiting scholars (including support of the Daphne Mayo Visiting Chair/Fellowship).
- **Health & Behavioural Sciences:** Total \$248k (actual), \$387k (inflation-adjusted).
 - 75% of funds directed to Dentistry.
 - Dentistry grants include monies towards purchase of Cone Beam Dental Imaging Equipment (\$50k, 2011-12).
- **Business, Economics & Law:** Total \$91k (actual), \$148k (inflation-adjusted).
 - No significant donations, and mainly to student groups. Largest single recipient UQ Debating Society (\$47k in total, over many years).
- **Engineering, Architecture & Information Technology:** Total \$93k (actual), \$138k (inflation-adjusted).
 - Largest single donations to student groups: Solar Team (\$28k over 3 years), Student Racing Team (\$21k over 3years).

Endnotes

ⁱ **Alumni Friends:** Connecting UQ's alumni and supporters with the 'future alumni' of the University, *Alumni Friends* aims to supplement and support the endeavours of UQ educators, researchers and students (working to ensure *Alumni Friends* does not duplicate, contradict or undermine the work and direction of UQ). The completion of a degree at UQ is *not* a pre-requisite for membership. Graduating students are automatically alumni, but only a small proportion of graduates make a commitment to membership as a demonstration of their philanthropy, advocacy, and commitment to life-long learning, connection and engagement. *Alumni Friends* members enjoy not only 'giving back' to the university and wider community, but also enjoy the social aspects of mentoring, philanthropy, and fund-raising. Members are an eclectic group, sharing happy memories of our association with the University, a desire to ensure that socio-economic backgrounds are not a barrier to the best university education, and a determination to support the endeavours of UQ to be a world-class university.

Strategies

- 1) **Connecting:** Creating routes for alumni and friends to engage with UQ—through regular contact/communication (including social events, newsletters, and website), life-long learning activities (e.g. through *Three Score* and *Friends of Antiquity* lectures), and sharing memories (including the *50 stories* project).
- 2) **Recognising and Celebrating** UQ's students, researchers and educators, maintaining/developing a suite of prizes & scholarships for UQ students, staff, & alumni.
- 3) **Investing and Giving Back:** Donating time and money to support the endeavours and explorations of UQ's students, educators, and researchers.
- 4) **Supporting:** Focused on ensuring that world-class tertiary education is inclusive—supporting the best students in their aspiration to study at UQ.
- 5) **Advocacy:** Promoting the benefits of world-class education and the value of supporting/enriching the cultural and social resources of UQ—demonstrating the benefits of a world-class education through philanthropy (donating time, money, and/or making gifts) and connection with fellow UQ alumni, students, researchers and educators.

ⁱⁱ **Key personnel (2018-19):**

Patron: The Hon. Penelope Wensley AC

Office Bearers: Dr Catherine A. Lawrence (President), Hayley Baxter (Vice-President), John Martin (Hon. Treasurer), Juliet O'Brien (Hon. Secretary), Jason Yu (Immediate Past Pres.).

Executive Committee (in addition to Office Bearers): Emeritus Professor Mary Mahoney AO, Patricia Jones, Harry Thompson OAM, Catherine Urquhart, Anne Mullins (UQ Alumni Book Fair® representative), Dr Paul Eliadis (President, *Friends of Antiquity*), Dr Stephen G. Papas (Convenor, Three Score Club), Kim Jorgensen (*Observer*, as President, Gatton Past Students' Association), Agnes Whiten AM, OAM (*Observer*, as a Representative of Graduate Women of Queensland).

Newsletter: Editor (Marion Jones), with the support of Jane Atkins, Don Barrett, Juliet O'Brien, and Katherine Carter (Distribution: Jan Thompson, Harry Thompson OAM, and friends).

Administrative support: Katharine Carter (*Alumni Friends*), Jane Atkins (UQ Advancement)

ⁱⁱⁱ **Data:** Please note (a) **Actual Dollar Values are incomplete. Many items listed in records without value and records may be incomplete** (sources: Alumni Friends AGM and benefactions records); (b) **Current Value/Adjusted for Inflation:** Data produced using Reserve Bank Inflation calculator [<http://www.rba.gov.au/calculator/>]. RBA information as to what a basket of goods and services valued at \$1 in that year would cost in August 2017; (c) **Unless noted, all figures exclude Alumni Friends' Staff costs, Alumni News Production, Office costs, Audit fees, technology, promotional costs, hospitality, etc;** and (d) **No value ascribed to volunteer hours donated.**

^{iv} **Financial Policy and Practices:** A core value for *Alumni Friends* is to act with integrity. All members of the Executive and sub-committees recognise the particular importance of being accountable to our members and to our donors (past, present & future). The Executive is responsible for the prudent and responsible management of funds in order to:

- maintain prizes or scholarships as required by the terms of bequests made to *Alumni Friends*;
- maintain a sufficient income stream to continue to deliver prizes, scholarships and bursaries as agreed with the University;
- sustain the efficient and cost-effective (low-cost) operation of the *Alumni Friends*' office and UQ Alumni Book Fair® operations;
- offer an annual program of cost-effective social events for *Alumni Friends* members and their guests;
- support/facilitate the social and fund-raising activities of *Alumni Friends* special interest groups (including, *Friends of Antiquity*, *UQ Alumni Book Fair*, and *Three Score Club*); and
- continue to make suitable benefactions to the University and to UQ students, as recommended by the Benefactions Committee (and approved by the Executive Committee).

The *Alumni Friends* Executive Committee can agree to limited expenditure of profile- and fund- raising activities which will (a) contribute to raising funds for donation to the future/existing students of the University, and/or (b) contribute, in a positive way, to enhancing the student experience at UQ (through donations to the educators and researchers of the University).